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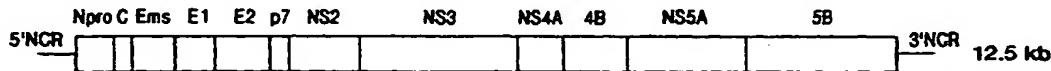
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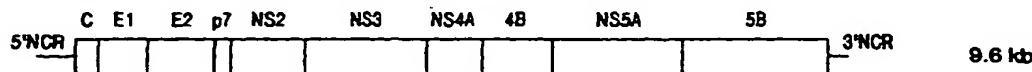
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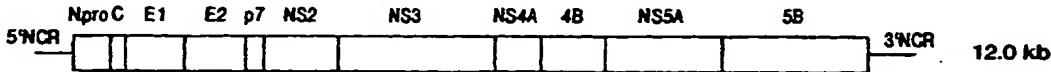
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HCV-H77C



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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to molecular approaches to the production of nucleic acid sequences which comprise the genomes of chimeric hepatitis C virus-bovine viral diarrhea viruses (HCV-BVDV). The invention also relates to the use of these chimeric nucleic acid sequences to produce chimeric virions in cells and the use of these chimeric virions in HCV antibody neutralization assays, and for the development of vaccines and therapeutics for HCV.

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Background Of Invention

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Hepatitis C virus (HCV) has a positive-sense single-strand RNA genome and is a member of the genus Hepacivirus within the Flaviviridae family of viruses (Rice, 1996). As for all positive-stranded RNA viruses, the genome of HCV functions as mRNA from which all viral proteins necessary for propagation are translated.

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The viral genome of HCV is approximately 9600 nucleotides (nts) in length and consists of a highly conserved 5' untranslated region (UTR), a single long open reading frame (ORF) of approximately 9,000 nts and a complex 3' UTR. The 5' UTR contains an internal ribosomal entry site (Tsukiyama-Kohara et al., 1992; Honda et al., 1996). The 3' UTR consists of a short variable region, a polypyrimidine tract of variable length and, at the 3' end, a highly conserved region of approximately 100 nucleotides (Kolykhalov et al., 1996;

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accounts for the majority of HCV infections but genotypes 2 and 3 each account for 5-15%.

At present, more than 80% of individuals infected with HCV become chronically infected and these 5 chronically infected individuals have a relatively high risk of developing chronic hepatitis, liver cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma (Hoofnagle, 1997). The only effective therapy for chronic hepatitis C, interferon (IFN), alone or in combination with 10 ribavirin, induces a sustained response in less than 50% of treated patients (Davis et al., 1998; McHutchinson et al., 1998). Consequently, HCV is currently the most common cause of end stage liver failure and the reason 15 for about 30% of liver transplants performed in the U.S. (Hoofnagle, 1997). In addition, a number of recent studies suggested that the severity of liver disease and the outcome of therapy may be genotype-dependent 20 (reviewed in Bukh et al., 1997). In particular, these studies suggested that infection with HCV genotype 1b was associated with more severe liver disease (Brechot, 1997) and a poorer response to IFN therapy (Fried and Hoofnagle, 1995). As a result of the inability to 25 develop a universally effective therapy against HCV infection, it is estimated that there are still more than 25,000 new infections yearly in the U.S. (Alter 1997) Moreover, since there is no vaccine for HCV, HCV 30 remains a serious public health problem.

Despite the intense interest in the development of vaccines and therapies for HCV, progress has been hindered by the absence of a useful cell culture system for laboratory study (2-7). For example, 35 although the virus has been grown in some cell lines,

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chimeric nucleic acid sequences to study the molecular properties of HCV indirectly in vitro.

The present invention also relates to the polypeptides encoded by the chimeric nucleic acid sequences of the invention or fragments thereof.

The invention also provides that the chimeric nucleic acid sequences and the chimeric viruses of the invention be supplied in the form of a kit, alone or in the form of a pharmaceutical composition.

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#### DESCRIPTION OF FIGURES

Fig. 1. Genomic organization of BVDV, HCV and HCV/BVDV chimera. The BVDV and HCV are NADL (14, 21) and H77 strains (12), respectively. The complete BVDV-NADL genome consists of, in 5' to 3' order, 5'NCR (nucleotides 1-385), N<sup>Pro</sup> (nucleotides 386-889), Core (nucleotides 890-1195), E<sup>rns</sup> (nucleotides 1196-1876), E1 (nucleotides 1877-2461), E2 (nucleotides 2462-3583), P7 and nonstructural genes (nucleotides 3584-12349) and 3'NCR (nucleotides 12352-12578).

Fig. 2. Strategy for the construction of chimeric cDNA, pHCV/BVDV-3, which has core, E1 and E2 of HCV in the backbone of BVDV. The fusion PCR products were cloned into pBV18-F2 after digestion with *SnaB* I and *Bsm* I. The fragments containing fusion PCR products were cloned into pSDMlu-3' after digestion with *Cla* I and *Dra* III.

Figures 3A-3H show the nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences of the infectious HCV clone of genotype 1a.

Figures 4A-4H show the nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences of the infectious clone of genotype

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constructed. Such chimeras can be used to determine the relative importance of E1 or E2 for infection of cell lines. In another embodiment, HCV/BVDV chimeras in which one of the nonstructural genes of BVDV, such as 5 NS3 RNA helicase, NS3 protease, or the NS5B RNA-dependent RNA polymerase are replaced by the corresponding non-structural genes of HCV may be constructed. Such chimeras would, for example, be useful in identifying inhibitors of viral enzyme 10 activity which would be useful as antiviral agents.

In yet another embodiment, hypervariable region 1 (HVR1) from multiple HCV genotypes may be combined into one HCV/BVDV chimera. The only limit for 15 constructing this type of chimera is that the viral genome must be able to be packaged. Alternatively, a chimera can be constructed which contain an HVR1 sequence from one HCV genotype. Such chimeras can be used as an inactivated multivalent vaccine or to screen 20 for neutralizing antibodies to multiple HCV genotypes.

The HCV/BVDV chimeras of the invention may be constructed using any HCV and BVDV clones. However, in a preferred embodiment, the HCV clones are infectious 25 HCV clones of genotype 1a (ATCC accession number PTA-157; Figures 3A-3F), 1b (ATCC accession number 209596; Figures 4A-4F) or 2a (ATCC accession number PTA-153; SEQ ID NOS:3-4) and the infectious BVDV clone pVVNADL are used.

30 In constructing the chimeric nucleic acid sequences of the invention, it is to be understood that the retention of the E<sup>rns</sup> gene of BVDV in any chimeric is entirely optional. Thus, when it is stated that the 35 HCV/BVDV chimeras could be constructed in which, for

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the growing of animal cells in vitro and transfecting the cells with the chimeric nucleic acid of the invention, then determining if the cells show indicia of HCV infection. Such indicia include the detection of viral antigens in the cell, for example, by immunofluorescence procedures well known in the art; the detection of viral polypeptides by Western blotting using antibodies specific therefor; and the detection of newly transcribed viral RNA within the cells via methods such as RT-PCR. The presence of live, infectious virus particles following such tests may also be shown by injection of cell culture medium or cell lysates into healthy, susceptible animals, with subsequent exhibition of the signs and symptoms of HCV infection.

Alternatively, the presence of live, infectious virus particles following such tests may also be shown by serial passaging the chimeric virus in cells.

Suitable cells or cell lines for culturing the chimeric viruses of the invention include, but are not limited to, EBTr(A) and Huh7.

Preferably, transfection of cells with the chimeric sequences is carried out in the presence of helper BVDV which is preferably of a noncytopathogenic strain. In one embodiment, the cell lines to be infected may already contain a helper BVDV. Such cells include, but are not limited to, EBTr(A).

Alternatively, the cell lines to be transfected may be infected with a helper BVDV prior to, or concurrent with, transfection with the chimeric sequences of the invention.

The present invention also relates to polypeptides encoded by the chimeric nucleic acid

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can then be used to immunize chimpanzees to determine whether the antibodies are protective. Alternatively, cells infected with the chimeric viruses of the invention may be passaged in cell culture to produce attenuated viruses which can be tested as candidate live vaccines. In assaying the ability of the chimeric viruses of the invention to infect mammals one can assay sera or liver of the infected mammal by RT-PCR to determine viral titer. In addition, the virulence phenotype of the virus produced by transfection of mammals with the sequences of the invention can be monitored by methods known in the art such as measurement of liver enzyme levels (alanine aminotransferase (ALT) or isocitrate dehydrogenase (ICD)) or by histopathology of liver biopsies.

Alternatively, mutations may be introduced into the HCV portion of the HCV/BVDV chimeras of the invention in order to enable the production of virions in cell cultures which could then be tested in vivo for improved vaccine properties.

In another embodiment, multiple chimeras containing HCV structural genes (or fragments thereof, such as the HVR1) from multiple genotypes can be administered to generate multivalent vaccines.

When used as a vaccine, the chimeric virions can be administered alone or in a suitable diluent, including, but not limited to, water, saline, or some type of buffered medium. The vaccine according to the present invention may be administered to an animal, especially a mammal, and most especially a human, by a variety of routes, including, but not limited to, intradermally, intramuscularly, subcutaneously, or in

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serum free of BVDV and antibodies to BVDV (Boyt Veterinary, Neosho, MO) was used. All cells were incubated at 37°C in 5% CO<sub>2</sub>.

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Table 1  
List of Cell Lines

Cell	Origin	Medium
EBTr(A)	Embryonic bovine trachea	10% FBS/MEM
BT	Bovine turbinate	10% horse serum/MEM
MDBK	Bovine kidney	10% horse serum/MEM
EBTr (B)	Embryonic bovine trachea	10% FBS/MEM
Huh 7	human hepatoma	10% FBS/DMEM F12

Antibodies

H79: plasma from patient H obtained in the chronic phase two years after the onset of HCV infection (11); CH1530: serum pool from chimpanzee 1530, obtained in the chronic phase one to two years after the onset of HCV infection. Chimpanzee 1530 became infected with HCV following intrahepatic transfection with pCV-H77C (Yanagi 1997); LMF86 and LMF87: anti-HVR1 (Farci 1996), rabbit anti-peptide sera; Mab NS: anti-BVDV NS3 murine monoclonal antibody kindly provided by Dr. E. Dubovi (Cornell University, Ithaca, NY).

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Construction of HCV/BVDV chimeric clone

The C, E1 and E2 genes originating from an infectious clone of the H77 strain of HCV (pCV-H77C, ref. Yanagi 1997), and the backbone originating from two subgenomic plasmids (pBV18-F2 and pSDMlu-3'), used by Vassilev et al. (Vassilev 1997) to generate the infectious clone of the NADL strain of BVDV (pVVNADL), were used to construct the chimeric cDNA clone pHCV-BVDV-3 (ATCC deposit Number PTA-158). The chimeric clone includes sequences corresponding to nucleotides

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HCV/BVDV sequence of the final preparation was determined using standard procedures and about 90 specific sense and antisense primers. Clone pHCV/BVDV-3 was apparently stable since the digestion pattern was as expected following retransformation. The complete sequence differed slightly from the published BVDV sequence of the NADL strain (21), but encoded an intact polyprotein.

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Table 2  
Oligonucleotides used for PCR amplification

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Name	Sequences (5' - 3')	Underline
N-C/H77/S MluI/NADL/S B2-P7/NADL/S E2-P7/H77/R N-C/NADL/R	CAAGTTGCAGCAGGAATCCTAAACCTCAAAGAA CACCGTATCGATGAATTG <u>AGCGGAGGC</u> GATTCACTATGGATCAGGGGAAGTG ATACTGAAT <u>CGCCTCCGCTTGGGATATGAG</u> <u>AGGATT</u> CGTGCTGCAACTTGTGACCCATAGAGGG CAGTC	N OF BVDV-NADL Mlu i E2 OF HCV P7 OF BVDV-NADL Core OF HCV
BanI/NADL/R 2937S-HCBV 1353S-NADL 1419S-NADL 2335-NADL 3342R-NADL 1623R-NADL 1590R-NADL 389R-NADL	TACCAGGCTGAGAATGCACTGTAAC CCTTGTCCACCGGCCCTCATCCACCTCCACC CAATTCACTGGTATGATGGATGC AGTGGAAACAAGCATGGTTGGTG CCACGTGGACGAGGGCATGCC CCTGAATCGGCCTTACCAACATCCCCAATC TTCTTTCCCTTCTGCAACCTGT GGGCTATCTCTAGCTTGTGTAC CCATGTGCCATGTACAGCAGAG	Bsm I

Transfection of cell lines with transcribed RNA

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The plasmid pHCV/BVDV-3 was linearized with SacII (NEB) and treated with T4 DNA polymerase (GIBCO/BRL) to remove the resulting 3' overhang. A truncated form of pHCV/BVDV-3, generated by digestion with HindIII, was used as a negative control. Two micrograms of DNA were transcribed at 37°C for 2 hrs in a 100 µl reaction volume containing 50 U of T7 RNA polymerase (Promega), 10 mM DTT (Promega), 120 U of Rnasin (Promega) and 1 mM rNTPs (GIBCO/BRL). Five microliters of the final reaction mixture was analyzed

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with phosphate buffered saline (PBS) for 10 min. Thereafter, cells were incubated for 20-60 min at 37°C with primary antibodies diluted in 10% bovine serum albumin (BSA) in PBS. As primary antibodies we used an anti-HCV human plasma sample (H79, 1:100 dilution), an anti-HCV chimpanzee serum (CH1530, 1:100 dilution) and an anti-BVDV NS3 monoclonal antibody (Mab-NS, 1:10 dilution). After washing with PBS for 15 min, cells were incubated for 20-40 min at 37°C with secondary antibodies; fluorescein-isothiocyanate (FITC)-conjugated goat anti-human antibody (SIGMA) for H79 and CH1530, and rhodamine-conjugated anti-mouse antibody (PIERCE) for anti-BVDV NS3. For double staining, H79 or CH1530 anti-HCV antibody was mixed with the anti-BVDV NS3 monoclonal antibody and incubated on fixed cells as above, followed by washing and incubation with a mixture of both secondary antibodies. After washing, slides were mounted and examined by fluorescence microscopy (Zeiss).

Determination of sucrose gradient density of recovered viruses

A T150 flask of EBTr(A) cells was inoculated with virus stock. At days 9 and 13, respectively, supernatant was harvested. A total of 70 ml of supernatant was layered over 20% sucrose in TN buffer [50mM Tris and 100mM NaCl (pH 7.4)] and centrifuged at 28,000 rpm in an SW28 swinging bucket rotor (Beckman) for 19 hrs at 4°C. The pellet was resuspended in 100 µl of TN buffer. For sucrose equilibrium gradient centrifugation, the resuspended pellet was layered onto a 20-60% (wt/wt) sucrose gradient in TN buffer and centrifuged at 36,000 rpm in an SW40 swinging bucket

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- incubated with ECL Western blotting detection reagent (Amersham) and exposed to film.

Detection of chimeric genomic RNA by RT-PCR assays

Total RNA was extracted with the TRIzol  
5 reagent from 10 or 100 µl of cell suspension,  
supernatant or material from the sucrose gradient. The  
RNA pellet was resuspended in 10 mM dithiothreitol  
(DTT) containing 5% (vol/vol) of RNAsin (20-40 U/µl)  
10 (Promega). The RT was performed with avian  
myeloblastosis virus reverse transcriptase (Promega) and  
the external anti-sense primer (see below) and PCR was  
performed with AmpliTaq Gold DNA polymerase (Perkin  
15 Elmer) as described (Bukh, 1998a). Specificity was  
confirmed by sequence analysis of selected DNA products.  
Each set of experiments included a low titer positive  
control sample and appropriate negative controls.  
HCV/BVDV chimeric genomes were detected in one round of  
20 PCR with the primers 2937S-HCBV and 3342R-HCBV (Table  
2). The structural region of BVDV was detected in an  
RT-nested PCR with external primers 1353S-NADL and  
1623R-NADL and internal primers 1419S-NADL and 1590R-  
25 NADL (Table 2). These primers were conserved among all  
known BVDV strains. Finally, the 5' UTR sequence of  
BVDV was detected by using universal primers that  
detect both HCV and BVDV (Bukh 1992, Yanagi 1996), as  
well as universally conserved BVDV primers (233S-NADL  
30 and 389R-NADL). The genome equivalent (GE) titer of  
HCV, BVDV and HCV/BVDV in positive samples was  
determined by RT-nested PCR on 10-fold serial dilutions  
of the extracted RNA (Bukh 1998a). One GE was defined  
35 as the number of genomes present in the highest dilution

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the Vectastain Elite kit (Vector Laboratories, Burlingame, CA) for peroxidase staining per the manufacturer's directions. The peroxidase substrate kit was Vector VIP (Vector Laboratory). Color development was stopped by washing the slide with water followed by air drying. Foci were counted with the aid of a dissecting microscope.

Focus neutralization assay

The assay was performed exactly as for the focus assay except the 200 µl inoculum consisted of 100 µl of chimeric virus diluted in 10% DMEM, 20 µl undiluted test or control serum, and 80 µl 10% DMEM. Each 200 µl sample was incubated at 4° C in ice overnight prior to inoculation of cells. Sera included fetal calf serum (Boyt) and rabbit pre-immune serum as negative controls, hyperimmune rabbit antisera raised to peptides spanning the HVR1 region of the H27 strain of HCV (Farci, 1996), and goat anti-BVDV (VMRD Pullman, WA) prepared without azide. All sera had been heat-inactivated at 56° C for 30 minutes.

Immunofluorescence neutralization assay in Huh7 cells

Two hundred microliters of chimeric virus was mixed with 20 µl of serum or plasma, incubated on ice overnight and added to one well of a four-well chamber slide. After 2 hours at 30°C, 1 ml of agarose overlay was added as for the focus assay. Four days later, slides were fixed and stained as for immunofluorescence microscopy and stained cells were manually counted by scanning the entire well using a Zeis microscope and the 40X objective.

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- o a particle containing significant amounts of HCV proteins.

Although the proportion of cells producing HCV proteins increased in EBTr(A) cells, it remained low in the MDBK, BT, and EBTr(B) cell lines, suggesting that the virus was not spreading in these cells. In order to determine if these cells were making infectious virus, a homologous transmission was attempted by removing supernatant from each transfected culture and adding it to a new culture of the same cell line. The only successful transmission was from the transfected EBTr(A) cells to naive EBTr(A) cells (Table 3). Therefore, although the chimeric virus genome could replicate in all four cell lines and produced HCV proteins, only in the EBTr(A) cells was virion morphogenesis coupled with availability of a receptor conducive to infection.

Table 3

Homologous passage and heterologous passage

	Transfection	Homologous passage	Heterologous passage
EBTr(A)	+	+	
EBTr (B)	+	-	+
BT	+	-	+
MDBK	+	-	+
	:		
	Supernatants from transfected cells were passed onto new cells of the same type.		
	:		
	Supernatants from transfected EBTr(A) cells were passed to indicated cells.		

Two heterologous transmission experiments were performed to determine if the three other cell lines released infectious particles. In the first experiment, supernatant from transfected MDBK cells was inoculated onto the EBTr(A) cells. Immunofluorescence microscopy

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o RT-PCR primers designed to amplify known BVDV strains were able to amplify a cDNA fragment from uninoculated EBTr(A) cultures (titer:  $10^6$  GE/ml). The sequence of the cDNA was determined and found to match that of the 5 CP-7 strain of BVDV (18).

Based on the data that only EBTr cells harboring BVDV were able to produce infectious particles containing the chimeric genome, it was hypothesized that the endogenous virus was serving as a helper virus, 10 possibly by providing BVDV structural proteins. In order to determine if the infectious chimeric particles contained BVDV glycoproteins, a focus assay was developed in which cells expressing the chimeric genome 15 were identified by their reactivity with CH1530 anti-HCV serum. An infectivity titer of  $10^5$  chimeric viruses/ml was obtained for passage 10 virus, which had an RT-PCR titer of  $10^8$  to  $10^9$  GE/ml. Chimeric virus produced in 20 EBTr(A) cells was examined for its susceptibility to neutralization by anti-serum to BVDV as compared to neutralization by anti-sera raised against the hypervariable region 1 (HVR1) of the same HCV strain as was in the chimera. Dilutions of chimeric virus were 25 incubated overnight with anti-BVDV, anti-HCV or control sera and the number of infectious particles remaining was determined by the focus assay (Table 4). The number of foci in the rabbit and bovine serum controls decreased in parallel with the dilution factor, 30 indicating that the assay was linear and reliable. The anti-HCV sera did not neutralize the chimera. In contrast, anti-BVDV eliminated all foci at each dilution, suggesting that each and every infectious 35 particle contained BVDV glycoproteins and that they were

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into these cells might be totally independent of HCV glycoprotein. Thirdly, the HCV E2 glycoprotein might not have folded properly to function or to be recognized by the antibody. The question of the neutralizing potential of the anti-HVR1 serum cannot be answered at this time. By an immunofluorescence microscopy assay, the anti-HVR1 serum had titers of 1:1600 and 1:3200 for rabbits LMF86 and LMF87 respectively but the antibody detected by this assay is not necessarily neutralizing antibody. The functionality of the HCV glycoproteins would best be proved by infecting cells which are not susceptible to infection by BVDV due to an absence of the BVDV receptor. Huh 7 cells were chosen as an experimental system to test for functional HCV glycoproteins because they are a human cell line which grows well and is of hepatocyte origin. Attempts to infect Huh 7 cells with the endogenous BVDV virus of the EBTr(A) cell line were not successful, suggesting either that the receptor for BVDV was absent or that the BVDV genome was unable to replicate in these cells. Attempts to infect the Huh 7 cells with the chimera were more successful. Four days after incubation with  $2 \times 10^4$  EBTr(A) tissue culture infectious doses (TCID) of the chimera, Huh 7 cells could be stained with antibody to NS3 as well as with antibody to HCV. Quantification of the number of infected cells indicated that the inoculum contained  $10^3$  TCID /ml for Huh 7 as compared to  $10^5$ /ml for EBTr(A) cells. Although the cells could be infected, the virus did not spread, suggesting that in Huh 7 cells , as in the MDBK and BT cells, virions either were not assembled or were not released from cells. Most likely, the CP-7 virus could not provide the

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antibody but at a lower titer. Since the DNA vaccine expressed only the E2 glycoprotein, this protein must be involved in binding to Huh 7 cells. The plasma from chimp 1530 contained antibodies to the HCV envelope proteins as measured by ELISA or immunofluorescence microscopy but apparently, these were not neutralizing antibodies. Chimpanzee 1494 did not have demonstrable antibodies against the HCV glycoproteins so its failure to neutralize was not unexpected. Therefore, the chimera should be very useful for screening samples for neutralizing antibodies and discriminating between those that neutralize as compared to those that just bind.

Table 5

15                   Neutralization of chimeric  
virus growth in Huh 7 cells<sup>1</sup>

Virus dilution	Number of foci <sup>2</sup>		
	Fetal Calf Serum (Boyt)	Anti-HCV HVR1	Anti-BVDV
Undiluted	191	298	0
Dilution (1:10)	23	43	0

1. Huh 7 cells were used for infection but the virus had been grown in EBTr (A) cells.  
 2. Foci stained with chimp 1530 anti-HCV and visualized by immunofluorescence microscopy.

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glycoproteins were synthesized, it would be feasible to test purified chimeric virions as a candidate inactivated vaccine. Purified chimeric virions can be tested first in mice and if antibody to HCV is produced, 5 the virions will be tested in chimpanzees to determine if the candidate vaccine is efficacious. The fact that virions grown in EBTr(A) cells were able to infect Huh 7 cells and were neutralized by some anti-HCV positive plasmas (Table 6) suggests that such chimeric viruses 10 could be used to screen for neutralizing antibodies to HCV as well as to screen other cell lines for HCV receptors. The infectivity of the chimera proves the principle that HCV-BVDV chimeras can serve as a useful 15 tool for studying the molecular biology of HCV. The glycoprotein genes from the five other genotypes of HCV can be similarly inserted into the BVDV backbone in order to provide an assay for antibodies to each 20 genotype. Additional chimeras are being constructed in which the core protein of BVDV is included so that only the glycoproteins of HCV are introduced. If BVDV core 25 is critical for encapsidation of the RNA, it may be possible to generate chimeric viruses in the absence of helper. It will also be revealing to determine if the HCV contribution to the chimera can be localized to either E1 or E2 alone. Such a chimera will be tested for its ability to infect EBTr(A) and Huh 7 cells. These studies will help determine the relative 30 importance of E1 and E2 for infection of Huh 7 cells and may define any association with the BVDV glycoproteins. In addition, chimeras in which the BVDV nonstructural 35 genes such as p7 or NS4B or NS5A are replaced with the corresponding genes of HCV may also be generated to

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has been replaced by the non-structural region of a hepatitis C virus genome.

8. The nucleic acid molecule of claim 7, wherein at least one gene from the non-structural region of the BVDV genome has been replaced by the corresponding gene from the non-structural region of a hepatitis C virus genome.

9. A DNA construct comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claims 1, 2 or 7.

10. An RNA transcript of the DNA construct of claim 9.

11. A polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1.

12. A polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid molecule according to claim 2.

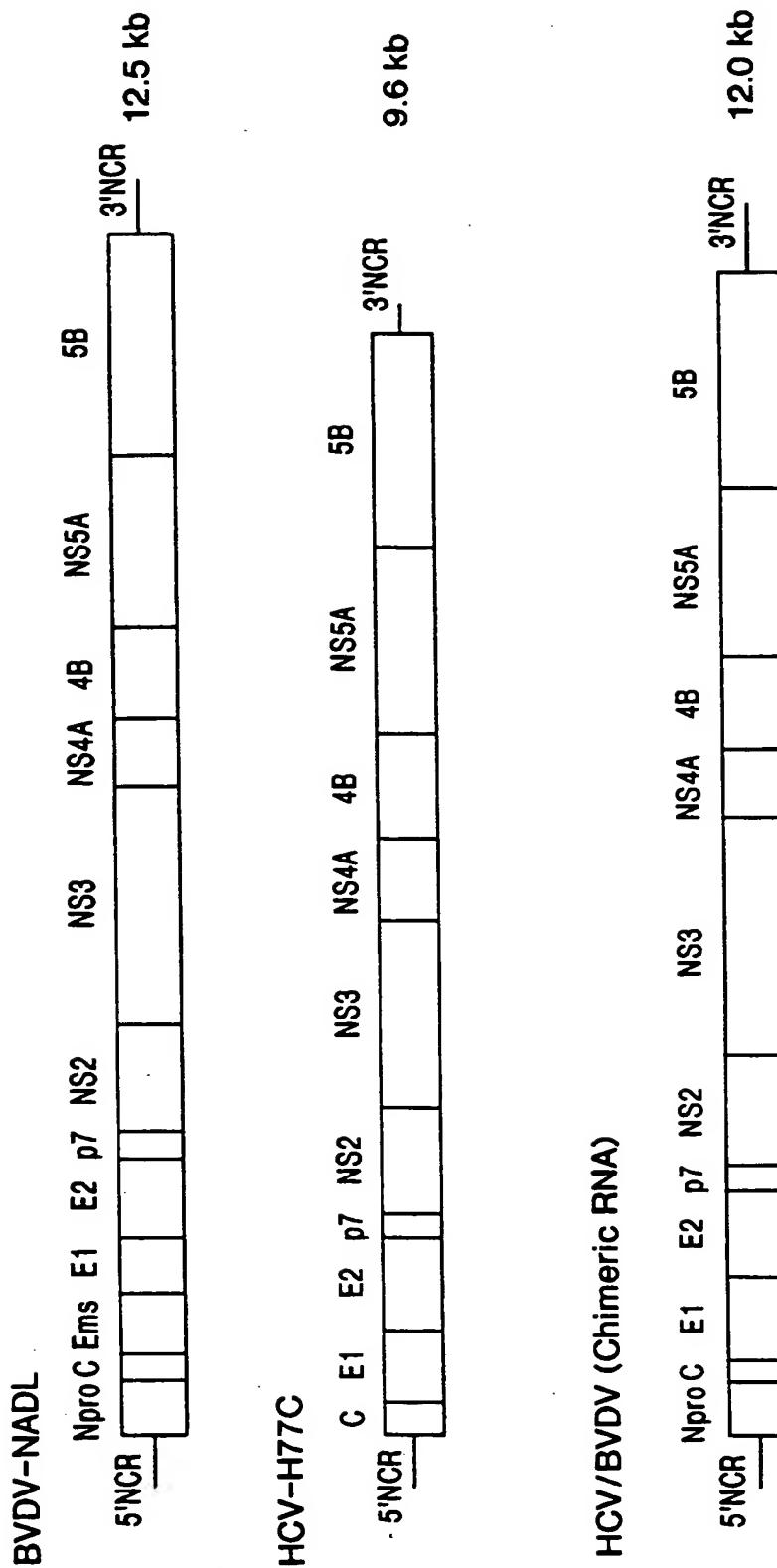
13. The polypeptide according to claim 12, wherein said polypeptide is selected from the group consisting of E1, E2 or C.

14. A host cell transfected with the DNA construct of claim 9.

15. A host cell transfected with the RNA transcript of claim 10.

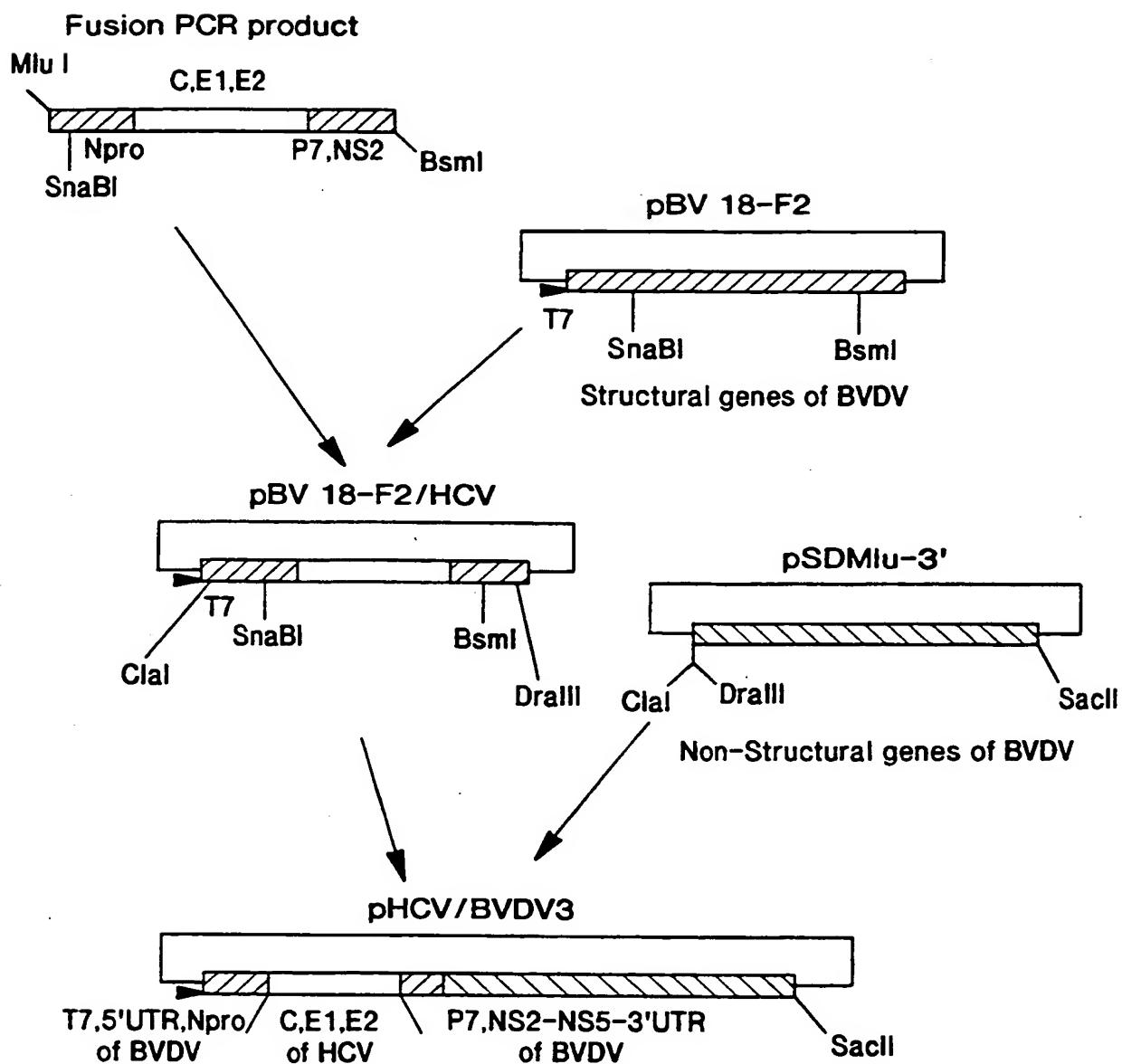
16. A chimeric HCV-BVDV virus produced by transfecting a host cell with the DNA construct of claim 9.

17. A chimeric HCV-BVDV virus produced by transfecting a host cell with the RNA transcript of claim 10.



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FIG.

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**FIG. 2**

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10	20	30	40	50
<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>
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GGAACTACTG	TCTTCAGCCA	GAAAGGGTCT	AGCCATGGGG	TTAGTATGAG
TGTCGTGCGAG	CTTCCAGGAC	CCCCCTTCCC	GGGAGAGCCA	TAGTGGTCTG
CGGAACCGGT	GAGTACACCG	GAATTGCCAG	GACCAACGGG	TCTTTCITG
GATAAACCGG	CTCAAATGCT	GGAGATTGG	GGTGGGGGGC	GCAAGACTGC
TAGCCGAGTA	GTGTTGGTC	GGGAAAGGCC	TIGTGGTACT	GGCTGATAGG
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AATCCTAAC	CTCAAAGAAA	AAOCAAAGT	AACACCAACC	GTGCCCCACA
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TGCCCCGGAG	GGGCCCCAGA	TTGGGTGTC	GGGGAGGGAG	GAAGACTTCC
GACCGTGGC	AACCTGGAGG	TAGAOGTCAG	CCTATCCCCA	AGGCACGGTG
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TACCGCTCGT	CGGCGGGGCT	CTTGGAGGGG	CTGGCAGGGC	CCTGGGGCAT
GGGGTCCCCGG	TTCTGGAAAGA	CGGCGTGAAC	TATCCAACAG	GGAAACCTTCC
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GGTGTGGGT	GGGGGTGACC	CCCCACGGTGG	CCACCAAGGG	CGGCAAACTC
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GCACACATCAAT	AGCAACGGCT	TGAATTGCAA	TGAAAGGCTT	AACACGGCT
GGTGTGGCAGG	CTCTTCTAT	CAACACAAAT	TCAACTCTTC	AGGCTGTOCT
GAGAGGTGG	CCAGCTGGCG	ACGGCTTAAC	GATTTGGGCC	AGGGCTGGGG
TCTTATCAGT	TATGCCAACG	GAAGGGGCT	CGACGAACGC	COCTACTGCT
GGCACTACCC	TCCAAGACCT	TGTGGGATTG	TGCCCCGAAA	GAGCGTGTGT
GGCCCCGGTAT	ATTCGTTAC	TCGGAGCCCC	GTGGGGTGGG	GAACGACCGA

FIG. 3A

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CATCGGAGGG	GTGGGCAACA	ACAOCTTGCT	CTGGGCGGACT	GATTGCTTCC
GAAAACATCC	GGAAAGCCACA	TACTCTCGGT	GGGGCTCGGG	TOCCCTGGATT
ACAOCCCAGGT	GCATGGTCCA	CTACCGGTAT	AGGCCTTGGC	ACTATACTTG
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AGCACAGGCT	GGAAAGGGGCC	TGCAACTGGA	GGGGGGGGGA	AOGCTGTTGAT
CTGGAAAGACA	GGGACAGGTC	CGAGCTCAGC	CGTTCCTGAC	TGTCACCCAC
ACAGTGGCAG	GTGCTTGGT	GTCTTTTCAC	GAACCTGCGA	GGCTTGTGCA
CGGGCGCTCAT	CCACCTCCAC	CAGAACATTG	TGGACCGTCA	GTACTTGTAC
GGGGTAGGGT	CAAGCATCGC	GTCTGGGCC	ATTAAGTCGG	AGTAOGTGT
TCTCTCTGTC	CTTCCTGCTTG	CAGACGGGGG	CGTCTCTCCTC	TGCTTGTGGA
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GTTCCTTCAG	TTTCCGTTGGT	ATCTGAAGGG	TACGTGGGTG	GGGGGAGGGG
TCTACGGGCT	CTAAGGGATG	TGGCTCTCC	TCCTCTCTCT	CTCTGGTGTG
CCTCAGGGGG	CATACGGCACT	GGACACGGAG	GTGGGGCGGT	CGTGTGGGGG
CGTGTGTTCT	GTGGGGTAA	TGGCGCTGAC	TCTGTCGCCA	TATTACAAC
GCTATATCAG	CTCGTCAATG	TEGTTGGCTTC	AGTATTTCT	GACCAAGAGTA
GAAGGGCAAC	TGCACTGTTG	GGTTCCCCCCC	CTCAACGTCC	GGGGGGGGCG
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GGGCAGATAC	GGGGGGGGTC	GGTGCACATCA	TCAAOGGCTT	GGGGCTCTCT
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CAAGGGGTGG	AGGTTCCTGG	GGGGCATCAC	GGGGTAOGCC	CAGCAGACGA
GAGGGCTTCT	AGGGTGTATA	ATCAACAGCC	TGACTGGCG	GGACAAAAAC
CAAGTGGAGG	GTGGGGTCCA	GATGTTGTC	ACTGCTACCC	AAACCTTCT
GGCAACGTTC	ATCAATGGGG	TATGCTGGAC	TGTCTAACAC	GGGGGGGGAA
CGAGGACCAT	CCCAATCACCC	AAAGGGTCTTG	TCATCCAGAT	GTATACCAAT
GTGGACCAAG	ACCTTGTGGG	CTGGGGCGCT	CTTCAAGGTT	GGGGCTCACT
GACACCCCTGT	ACCTGGCGCT	CCTCGGACCT	TTACCTGGTC	ACGAGGGCACG
CGGATGTCAT	TCCCGTCCCC	GGGGGGGGTG	ATACCAAGGGG	TAGGCTGCTT
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FIG. 3B

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AGACCCCGTC	CCGGCATGCA	GAGGTATCA	CCCGTGTCT	CCAGACCAAC
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				5700

FIG. 3C  
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AGAGGGATGC	AGGGGGGGGC	GTCACTGCCA	TACTCAGGAG	OCTCACTGTA	6200
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FIG. 3D

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CCCACATCAA CTGGGTGTCG AAAGACCTTC TGGAAAGACAG TGTAACACCA					8000
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GGGAGCTGA GACCTTCAC GGAGGCTATG ACCAGGTACT CGGGGGGGGG					8650
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FIG. 3E  
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GCGGCATGAC	TGCAGAGAGT	GCTGATACTG	GCTCTCTGCA	AGATCATGT

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FIG. 3F

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RGSRPSWGPT	DPRRRSRNLG	KVIDILTCGF	ADIMGYIPLV	GAPLGGAARA	150
LAHGVRVLED	GVNYATGNLP	GCSFSIFILLA	LLSCLTVPAS	AYQVRNSSL	200
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GKLPTTQLRR	HIDLLVGSAT	LCSALYVGDL	CGSVFLVGQL	FTFSPPRRHWT	300
TQDCNCSTIYP	GHTIGHRMW	IMMMNWSPTA	ALVVAQLLRI	PQAIMDMTAG	350
AHWGVLAGIA	YFSMVGNWAK	VLVVLLLFAG	VDAETHVTGG	NAGRITTAGLV	400
GLLTPGAKQN	IQLININGSW	HINSTALNON	ESLNTGWLW	LFYQHKFNSS	450
GCPERIASCR	RLTDFAQGWG	PISYANGSGL	DERPYCWHYP	PRPGTIVPAK	500
SVOGPVYCFT	PSPVWGTID	RSGAPTYSWG	ANDIDVFLN	NIRPPLGNWF	550
GCTWMNSTGF	TKVCGAPPCV	IGGVGNNTLL	CPTDCFRKH	EATYSRCGSG	600
PWITPRQMV	YPYRLWHP	TINYTIKFVR	MVGGVEHRL	EAACNWTRGE	650
RCDLEDRDRS	ELSPLLLSTT	QWQVLPCSFT	TLPALSTIGLI	HLHQNTVDQ	700
YLYGVGSSIA	SWAIKWEYVV	LLFLLLADAR	VCSCIWMMILL	ISQAEAALEN	750
LVIINAASLA	GHGGLVSFLV	FFCFAWYLKG	RWPGAVYAL	YGMWPLLLLL	800
LALPQRAYAL	DTEVAASCAG	WLVGLMALT	LSPYYKRYIS	WOMMWLQYFL	850
TRVEAQLHW	VPPLNVRGGR	DAVILLMCVV	HPTLVFDITK	LLLAIFGPLW	900
ILQASLLKVP	YFVRVQGLLR	ICALARKTAG	GHVQMAIIK	LGALITGTIVY	950
NHLTPLRDWA	HNGLRDLAVA	VERVVFSLRME	TKLITWGADT	AACGDIINGL	1000
PVSARRQEI	LLGPADGMVS	KGRLLAPIT	AYAQQTTRG	GCITTSLTGR	1050
DKNQVEGEVQ	IVSTATQTFL	ATCINGVCWT	VYHGAGTRTT	ASPKGIVIQM	1100
YINVDQDLVG	WPAPQGSRSL	TPCTCGSSDL	YLVTRHADVI	PVRRRGDSRG	1150
SLLSPRPISY	LKGSSGGPLL	CPAGHAVGLF	RAAVCTRGVA	KAVDFIPVEN	1200
LGTIMRSPVF	TINSSPPAVP	QSFQVAHLHA	PTGSGKSTKV	PAAYAAQGYK	1250
VLVLPNSVAA	TLGFGAYMSK	AHGVDPNIRT	GVRTTTTGSP	ITYSTYKFL	1300
ADGGCGGGAY	DIICDECHS	TDATSILGIG	TVLDQAETAG	ARLVVLAAT	1350
PPGSVTVSHP	NIEEVALSTT	GEIPFYGKAI	PLEVIKGRH	LIFCHSKKKC	1400
DELAALKVAL	GINAVAYYRG	LDVSVIPTSG	DWVVSTDAL	MTGFTGDFDS	1450
VIDCNCTVIQ	TVDFSLSLPTF	TIEITTLPOD	AVSRTQRRGR	TGRKGPGIYR	1500
FVAPGERPSG	MFDSSVLCEC	YDAGCAWYEL	TPAETTVRLR	AYMNTPGLPV	1550
CQDHLEFWEG	VFTGLTHIDA	HFLSQTKQSG	ENFPYLVAYQ	ATVCARAQAP	1600
PPSWDQMWC	LIRLKPTLHG	PTPLLYRLGA	VONEVILTHP	ITKYIMTOMS	1650
ADLEWVTSIW	VLVGGVLAAL	AAAYCLSTGCV	VIVGRIVLSG	KPAIIIPDREV	1700
LYQEFDEMEE	CSQHLPYIEQ	GMMLAEQFKQ	KALGLLQTA	RHAEVITPAV	1750
QINWQKLEV	WAKHMNFIS	GIQYLAGLST	LPGNPALIASL	MAFTAATVSP	1800
LTIGQTLFN	ILGGWVAQL	AAPGAATAFV	GAGLAGAAIG	SVGLGKLVD	1850
ILAGYGAGVA	GALVAFKIMS	GEVPSTEDLV	NLLPATLSPG	ALVVGVVCAA	1900

FIG. 3G  
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10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
ILRRHVGPG	E GAVQWMNRLI	AFASRGNHVS	PIHYVPESDA	AARVIAILSS	1950
LTVTQLLRR	L HQWISSECIT	PCSGSWLRDI	WDWICEVLSD	FKIWLKAKLM	2000
POLPGIPFVS	CQRGYRGWR	GDGIMHTRCH	CGAEITIGHVK	NGIMRIVGPR	2050
TCRNMMSGIF	PINAYTTGPC	TPLPAPNYKF	AIWRVSAEY	VEIRRVGDFH	2100
YVSGMTTIDL	KCPHQIPSPE	FFTTELGVRL	HRFAPPCKPL	LREEVSFRVG	2150
IHEYPVGSQ	L PCEPEPDVAV	LTSMLTDPSH	IIAEAAAGRRL	ARGSPPSMAS	2200
SSASQLSAPS	LKAICCTANHD	SPDAELIEAN	LLWRQEMGGN	IIRVESENKV	2250
VILDSDFDPLV	AEEDEREVSV	PAEILRKSR	FARALPVWAR	PDYNPPLVET	2300
WKKPQDYEPV	VHGCPPLPPP	SPPVPPPRKK	RIVVLTTESTIL	STALAAELAIIK	2350
SFGSSSTSGI	TGENITTSSE	PAPSGCPPDS	DVESYSSMPP	LEGEPEGDPL	2400
SDGSWSTVSS	GADTEDWVCC	SMSYSWIGAL	VTPCAAEEQK	LPINALNSNL	2450
LRHHNLVYST	TSRSACQRQK	KVIFDRLQVL	DSHYQDVLKE	VKAASKVKA	2500
NLLSVEEACS	LTPPHSAKSK	FGYGAKDVR	HARKAVAHIN	SWKDILLED	2550
VTPIDITIMA	KNEVFCVQPE	KGGRKPARLI	VFPDLGVRVC	EKMALYDVWS	2600
KLPLAVMGSS	YGFQYSPGQR	VEFLVQAWKS	KKTPMGFSYD	TRCFDSTIVTE	2650
SDIRTEEATY	QCQCLLDQAR	VAIKSLTERL	YVGGPLINSR	GENCGYRRCR	2700
ASGVLTTSCG	NTLTCYIKAR	AACRAAGLQD	CIMLVCGDD	VVICESAGVQ	2750
EDAASLRAFT	EAMTRYSAPP	GDPPQPEYDL	ELITSCSSNV	SVAHDGAGKR	2800
VYYLTRDPIT	PLARAAWETA	RHTPVNSWL	NIIMFAPTIW	ARMILMIHFF	2850
SVLIARDQLE	QALNCEIYGA	CYSIEPLDLP	PIIQRIHGLS	AFSLHSYSPG	2900
EINRVAACLR	KLGVPPLRAW	RHRARSVRAR	LLSRGGRAAI	CGKYLFNWAV	2950
RTKLKLTPIA	AAGRLLLSGW	FTAGYSGGDI	YHSVSHARPR	WFWFCLLLL	3000
AGVGIYLLEN R					3011

FIG. 3H

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10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
GCCAGCCCCC	TGATGGGGGC	GACACTTAC	CATGAATCAC	TCCCCCTGGA	50
GGAACATACTG	TCTTCACGCCA	GAAAGGGTCT	AGCCATGGCG	TTAGTATGAG	100
TGTGGTGCGAG	CCTCCAGGAC	CCCCCTCCC	GGGAGAGCCA	TAGTGGCTTG	150
CGGAACCGGT	GAGTACACCG	GAATTGCCAG	GACCGACCGGG	TCCCTTCTTG	200
GATCAACCGG	CTCAATGCCCT	GGAGATTTGG	GGTGGGGGGC	GCGAGACTGC	250
TAGCCGAGTA	GTGTTGGGTC	GCGAAAGGCC	TTGTTGGTACT	GCCTGATAGG	300
GTGCTTGGCA	GTGCCCCGGG	AGGTCTCGTA	GACCGTGCAC	CATGAGCAAG	350
AATCCTAACAC	CTCAAAGAAA	AACCAAACGT	AACACCAACC	GCGGCCCCACA	400
GGACGTCAAG	TTCCCGGGGG	GTGGTCAGAT	CGTTGGTGGG	GTTTACCTGT	450
TGCGGGCGAG	GGGGGGGGAG	TTGGGTGTC	GCGGAGCTAG	GAAGGCTTCC	500
GAGCGGTGGC	AACCTGGTGG	AAGGGGACAA	OCTATCCAA	AGGCTGGCG	550
ACCCGGAGGGC	AGGGCCCTGGG	CTCAAGCCCCG	GTACCCCTGG	CCCCCTCTATG	600
GCAATGAGGG	CCTGGGGTGG	GCAGGATGGC	TCTGTCACCC	GGGGGGCTOC	650
CGGCGCTAGTT	GGGGGGGGAC	GGACCCCCGG	CGTAGGTGCG	GTAACCTGGG	700
TAAGGTCACTC	GATAACCTTA	CATGGGGCTT	CGGGGATCTC	ATGGGGTACA	750
TTACCGCTGGT	CGGGGGGGGG	CTAGGGGGCG	CTGGCAGGGC	CTTGGCACAC	800
GGTGTGGGGG	TTCTGGAGGA	CGGGGTGAAC	TATGCAACAG	GGAACTTGGC	850
CGGTTGCTCT	TTCTCTATCT	TCCTCTTGGC	TCTGCTGTCC	TGTTTGACCA	900
TCCAGCTTC	CGCTTATGAA	GTGGCAACG	TGTCGGGGAT	ATACCATGTC	950
ACGAACGACT	GCTCCAACTC	AAGCATTTGTG	TATGAGGGCAG	CGGACGTGAT	1000
CATGCATACT	CCCCGGTGGG	TGCCCCGTGT	TCAGGAGGGT	AACAGCTCCC	1050
GTGCTGGGT	AGGGCTCACT	CCAAAGCTCG	CGGGCAGGAA	TGCCAGGGTC	1100
CCCACTACGA	CAATACGACG	CCACGGTGCAC	TTGCTCGTIG	GGAGGGCTGC	1150
TTTCTGCTCC	GCTATGTACG	TGGGGGATCT	CTGGGGATCT	ATTTTCTCG	1200
TCTCCCAGCT	GTTCACCTTC	TGGCCTCGCC	GGCATGAGAC	AGTGGCAGGAC	1250
TGCAACTGCT	CAATCTATCC	CGGGCATGTA	TCAGGTCAAC	GCATGGCTTG	1300
GGATATGATG	ATGAACTGGT	CACTTACAAC	AGGGCTAGTG	GTGTCGGAGT	1350
TGCTGGGAT	CCCACAAGCT	GTGGGGACA	TGGTGGGGGG	GGGGCACTGG	1400
GGAGTCCCTGG	CGGGGCTTGC	CTACTTATCC	ATGGTACGGG	ACTGGGCTAA	1450
GGTTCTGATT	GTGGGGCTAC	TCTTTCGGG	CGTGGACGGG	GAGACCCACA	1500
CGAGGGGGAG	GGTGGGGGGC	CACACCACT	CGGGGTTCAC	GTCCCCTTTC	1550
TCATCTGGGG	CGTCTCAGAA	AATCCAGCTT	GTGAATACCA	ACGGCAGCTG	1600
GCACATCAAC	AGGACTGGCC	TAAATTGCAA	TGACTCOCTC	CAAACCTGGT	1650
TCTTTCGGGC	GCTGTTTAC	GCACACAACT	TCAACTGGTC	CGGGTGGGGG	1700
GAGCGCATGG	CCAGCTGGCG	CCCCATTGAC	TGGTTCGGCC	AGGGGGTGGGG	1750
CCCCATCAAC	TATACIAAGC	CTAACAGCTC	GGATCAGAGG	CCTTATGGCT	1800
GGCATTACGC	GCCTGGACCG	TGTGGTGTGG	TACCCGGGGTC	GCAGGTGTGT	1850
GGTCCAGTGT	ATTGTTTAC	CCCAAGGCGT	GTGTTGGTGG	GGACCAACCGA	1900

FIG. 4A

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10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
TCGTTCGGT	GTCCTAAGT	ATAGCTGGGG	GGAGAAATGAG	ACAGAAGTGA	1950
TGCTCTCAA	CAACACGGT	CGGCCACAAG	GCAACTGGTT	CGGCTGTACA	2000
TGGATGAATA	GTACTGGGT	CACTAAGACG	TGGGAGGTC	CCCCGTTAA	2050
CATCGGGGGG	GTCGGTAACC	GCACCTTGAT	CIGCCCGAOG	GACTGCTTOC	2100
GGAAGCACCC	CGAGGCTACT	TACACAAAAT	GIGGCTGGGG	GOOCCTGGTG	2150
ACACCTAGGT	GCCTAGTAGA	CTACOCATAC	AGGCTTTEGC	ACTAACCGTG	2200
CACTCTCAAT	TTTTCATCT	TTAAGGTTAG	GAITGTATGIG	GGGGGGGTGG	2250
AGCACAGGCT	CAATGCCGCA	TGCAATTGGA	CTGGAGGAGA	GGCTGTAAAC	2300
TTGGAGGACA	GGGATAAGGT	AGAACTCAGC	CGCTGCTGC	TGTCCTACAAAC	2350
AGAGTGGGAG	ATACTGCCCT	GTGCTTTCAC	CAACCTACCG	GCTTTATCCA	2400
CTGGTTTGAT	CCATCTCCAT	CAGAACATCG	TGGACGTGCA	ATACCTGTAC	2450
GGTGTAGGGT	CAGCGTTTGT	CTCTTTGCA	ATCAAATGGG	AGTACATCCT	2500
GTGCTTTTC	CTTCTCTCTGG	CAGACGGGGG	CGTGTGTCG	TGCTTGIGGA	2550
TGATGCTGCT	GATAGCCAG	GCTGAGGGCG	CCTTAGAGAA	CTTGGTGGTC	2600
CTCAATGCCG	CGTCCGTCGC	CGGAGCGCAT	GGTATTCTCT	CCTTTCTTGT	2650
GTCTCTCTGC	CGCGCCTGGT	ACATTAAGGG	CAGGCTGGCT	OCTGGGGCG	2700
CGTATGCTTT	TTATGGCGTA	TGGCGCTGC	TCCTCTCT	ACTGGCGTIA	2750
CCACCACGGAG	CTACGCCCT	GGACCGGGAG	ATGGCTGCAT	CGTGGGGGGG	2800
TGGGTTCTT	GTAGGTCTGG	TATTCTTGAC	CTTGTACCCA	TACTACAAAG	2850
TGTTTCTCAC	TAGGCTCAT	TGGGGTTAC	AATACTTTAT	CACCAGAGCC	2900
GAGGCGCACA	TGCAAGTGTG	GGTCCCCCCC	CTCAACGTTIC	GGGGAGGGCG	2950
CGATGCCATC	ATCTCTCTCA	CGTGTGGGT	TCATCCAGAG	TTAATTTTTG	3000
ACATCACCAA	ACTCTGCTC	GCCATACTCG	GGGGCTCAT	GGTGTCTCCAG	3050
GCTGGCATAA	CGAGAGTGC	GTACTTGTG	GGGGCTCAAG	GGCTCATTCG	3100
TGCATGCAIG	TTAGTGGAA	AAGTGGCGG	GGGTCAATTAT	GTCCAAATGG	3150
TCTTCATGAA	GCTGGGCCCG	CTGACAGGTA	CGTACGTTTA	TAACCATCTT	3200
ACCCCACTGC	GGGACTGGGC	CCACGGGGC	CTACGAGACC	TTGGGGTGGC	3250
GGTAGAGGCC	GTGCTCTCT	CGGOCATGGA	GACCAAGGTIC	ATCACCTGGG	3300
GAGCAGACAC	CGCTGCGTGT	GGGGACATCA	TCTTGGGTCT	ACCCGTCCTC	3350
GGGGGAAGGG	GGAAAGGAGAT	ATTTTGGGA	CGGGCTGATA	GTCTCGAAGG	3400
GCAACGGTGG	CGACTCTTG	CGCCCATCAC	GGGCTACTCC	CAACAAACGC	3450
GGGGCGTACT	TGGTTGCATC	ATCACTAGCC	TCACAGGGCG	GGACAAGAAC	3500
CAGGTGGAAG	GGGAGGTCA	AGTGGTTCT	ACCCCAACAC	AACTTTCT	3550
GGGGACCTGC	ATCAACGGCG	TGTGCTGGAC	TGTCCTACCAT	GGGGCTGGCT	3600
CGAAGACCC	AGGGGGTCCA	AAAGGTCCA	TCACCCAAAT	GTACACCAAT	3650
GTAGACCTGG	ACCTCTGCGG	CTGGCAGGGG	CCCCCCGGG	CGGGCTCCAT	3700
GACACCATEC	AGCTGTGGCA	GCTGGACCT	TTACTTGGTC	ACGAGACATG	3750
CTGATGTCAT	TGGGTCGGC	CGGGAGGGG	ACAGCAAGGGG	AAGTCTACTC	3800

FIG. 4B  
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10	20	30	40	50
<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>
TCCCCCAGGC	GGGTCTTCTA	CCTGAAAGGC	TCTCTGGGTG	GTCATTTGCT
TTGCCCCCTUG	GGCCAGTGCG	TGGGCGTCCT	GGGGCTGTCT	GTGTGCAACC
GGGGGGTAGC	GAAGGGGGTG	GACTTCATAC	GGTTGAGTC	TATGGAAACT
ACCAATGGGT	CTCGGGCTT	CACAGACAAAC	TCAAACCCCCC	GGCTGTAAAC
GCAGACATTC	CAAGTGGCAC	AATCTGCAGGC	TCTTACTGGC	AGGGGCAAGA
GCACCAAAGT	GGGGGCTGGG	TATGCAGGCC	AAGGGTACAA	GGTCTCGTC
CTGAACCCGT	GGGTGCGGCC	CACTTGTAGG	TTTGGGGGT	ATATGTCCAA
GGCACACGGT	ATCGACCTA	ACATCAGAAC	TGGGGTAAGG	ACCATTAA
GGGGCGGCTC	CATTACGTAC	TCCACCTATG	GCAAGTTCT	TGCGGAGGGT
GGCTGTTCTG	GGGGGGCTA	TGACATCAT	ATATGTGATG	AGTGCACTC
AACTGACTCG	ACTACCATCT	TGGGCATCGG	CACAGTCTG	GAACAAAGGG
AGACGGCTGG	AGGGGGGCTC	GTGGTGTGG	CCACCGCTAC	ACCTCGGGGA
TGGGTTACCG	TGCCACACCC	CAATATCGAG	GAAATAGGCC	TGTCACACAA
TGGAGAGATC	CCCTCTATG	GCAAAGOCAT	CCOCATTGAG	GCACATCAAGG
GGGGGAGGCA	TCTCATTTTC	TGCCATTCCA	AGAAGAAATG	TGACGGAGCTC
GGCGCAAAGC	TGACAGGGCT	GGGACTGAAAC	GCTGTAGCAT	ATTACCGGGG
CCTTGTATGTG	TCCGTACATAC	GGCTTATCGG	AGACGTGCGT	GTGCGTGGCAA
CAGACGCTCT	AATGAOGGGT	TTCACCGGGG	ATTTTGACTC	AGTGTATCGAC
TGCAATACAT	GTGTCAACCA	GACAGTOGAC	TTCAGCTTGG	ATCCCACCTT
CACCATTGAG	ACGACGGACCG	TGCCCCAAGA	GGGGGTGTGG	GGCTCGCAAC
GGCGAGGTAG	AACTGGCAGG	GGTAAAGAGTG	GCATCTACAG	TTTGTGACT
CCAGGAGAAC	GGGCTCGGG	CATGTTCGAT	TCTTCGGTCC	TGIGTGAGTG
CTATGACCGG	GGCTGTGCTT	GGTATGAGCT	CAACGGCGCT	GAGACCTCGG
TTAGGTTGGG	GGCTTACCTA	AAATACACCG	GGTTCGGCGT	CTGCCAGGAC
CATCTGGAGT	TCTGGGAGAG	CGTCCTACACA	GGGCTCACCC	ACATAGATGC
CCACTTCTG	TCCCAGACTA	AAACAGGCAGG	AGACAACTTT	CTTACCTGG
TGCCATATCA	AGCTACAGTG	TGCCGCCAGGG	CTCAAGCTCC	ACCTCCATCG
TGGGACCAAA	TGTGGAAGTG	TCTCATACGG	CTGAAACCTA	CACTGCAACGG
GGCAACACCC	CTGGTGTATA	GGCTAGGGACC	CGTCCAAAAT	GAGGTCACTC
TCACACACCC	CATAACTAAA	TACATCATGG	CATGCAATGTC	GGCTGACCTG
GAGGTGCTCA	CTAGGACCTG	GGTCTCTGGTA	GGGGAGGTCC	TTGCAGCTTT
GGCGCATAAC	TGCCGTACGA	CAGGCAGTGT	GGTCATTGTC	GGCAGGATCA
TCTGTGCGG	GAAGCCAGCT	GTGCGTCCCCG	ACAGGGAACT	CTCTTACCAAG
GAGTTGCGATG	AGATGGAAGA	GTGTGCGCTA	CAACTTCTT	ACATCGAGCA
GGGAATGCAAG	CTCCCCGAGC	AATTCAAGCA	AAAGGGCGTC	GGGTGTTGTC
AAACGGCCAC	CAAGCAAGCG	GAGGCTGTG	CTCCCGTGGT	GGAGTCCAAG
TGGCGAGGCC	TTGAGACCTT	CTGGGCGAAG	CACATGTCGA	ATTTCAATCG
CGGAATACAG	TACCTAGCG	GCTTATCCAC	TCTGCCTGGA	AAACCCCGCGA

FIG. 4C

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10	20	30	40	50	
<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>
TAGCATCATT	GATGGCATT	ACAGCTTCIA	TCACTAAGGCC	GCTCAACCAC	5750
CAAAACACCC	TCTGTITAA	CATCTTGGGG	GGATTEGGTGG	CTGOCCTAACT	5800
CGCTCTCTCC	AGCGCTGCCT	CAGCTTTGCT	GGGGGGGGGC	ATCGCGGGAG	5850
CGCTGTGTTG	CACCATAGGC	CTTGGGAAGG	TGCTTGTTGA	CATCTTGGGG	5900
GGCTATGGGG	CAGGGGTAGC	CGGGCGACTC	GTGGCTTTA	AGGTCAATGAG	5950
CGGGGAGGTG	CCCTCCACCG	AGGAACCTGT	CAACTTACTC	CTGOCCTATC	6000
TCTCTCTTGG	TGCGCTTGTC	GTGGGGGTGG	TGTCGGGAGC	AATACTGGT	6050
CGGCACGGTG	GGCGGGGAGA	GGGGGCTGTC	CAGTCGATGA	ACCGGCTGAT	6100
AGCGTTGGCT	TGCGCTGGTA	ACCAAGTCCTC	CCCTAOGCAC	TATGTGCGTG	6150
AGAGCGAOGC	TGCGAGCACT	GTCACTCAGA	TCCTCTCTAG	CTTAAACATC	6200
ACTCAACTTC	TGAAGGGCT	CCACCGAGTG	ATTAATGAGG	ACTGCTCTAC	6250
GGCATGCTCC	GGCTCGTGGC	TAAGGGATGT	TGGGATTTGG	ATATGCAOGG	6300
TGTTGACTGA	CTTCAAGAAC	TGCGCTCAGT	CCAAACTCTT	GGCGGGGTTA	6350
CGGGGAGTCC	CTTCTCTGTC	ATGCGAACGC	GGGTACAAGG	GAGTCCTGGG	6400
GGGGGACGGC	ATCATGCAAA	CCACCTGCC	ATGCGGAGCA	CAGATCGGG	6450
GACATGTCAA	AAACGGTTCC	ATGAGGATCG	TAGGGCTTAG	AACCTGCAGC	6500
AACACGTGGC	ACGGAAACGT	CCCCATCAAC	GCATACACCA	GGGGACCTTG	6550
CACACCCCTC	CGGGGGGCCA	ACTATTCAG	GGCGCTATGG	GGGTGGCTG	6600
CTGAGGGAGT	CGTGGAGGTT	ACCGGTGTTG	GGGATTTCGA	CTACGTGACG	6650
GGCATGACCA	CTGACAACGT	AAAGTGCGCA	TGCGAGGTT	GGGGGGGOGA	6700
ATTCTTCACT	GAGGTGGATG	GAGTGCGGT	GCACACGTAC	GCTCGGGCGT	6750
GCAAACCTCT	TCTACGGGAG	GACGTCACT	TCCAGGTGG	GCTCAACCAA	6800
TACTTGGTGG	GGTCGCACT	CCCATGCGAG	GGGAAACCGG	ACGTAACAGT	6850
GCTTACTTCC	ATGCTCAACG	ATCCCTCCCA	CATTACAGCA	GAGACGGCTA	6900
AGCGTAGGCT	GGCTAGAGGG	TCTCCCCCT	CTTCTAGCCAG	CTCATCAGCT	6950
AGCCAGTGT	CTGCGCTTC	TTTGAAGGG	ACATGCACTA	CCACCATGA	7000
CTCCCCGGAC	GCTGACCTCA	TCGAGGCCAA	CCCTCTTGTC	GGCGAGGAGA	7050
TGGGGGGAAA	CATCACTCGC	GTGGAGTCAG	AGAATAAGGT	AGTAATTCTG	7100
GACCTTTTCG	AAACCGCTTC	CGCGGGAGGG	GATGAGAGGG	AGATATCGT	7150
CGGGGGGGAG	ATCCCTGGAA	AACTCAGGAA	GTCCCCCTCA	GGGTGCGCCA	7200
TATGGGCACT	CGCGGACTAC	AACTCTCCAC	TGCTAGAGTC	CTGGAAGGAC	7250
CGGGACTACG	TCCCTCGGGT	GGTACACCGA	TGCGCATTC	CACCTACCAA	7300
GGCTCTCTCA	ATACCAACCTC	CACTGGAGAAA	GAGGAOGGT	GTGCTGACAG	7350
AACTCAAATGT	GTCTCTGTC	TTGGGGGAGC	TGCGCACTAA	GACCTCTGGT	7400
AGCTCCGGAT	CGTGGGGCGT	TGATAGCGGC	ACGGCGACCG	CCCTTCCTGA	7450
CTGGGCCCTC	GAAGGAGGGT	ACAAAGGATC	CGACGTGAG	TGTAATCTCT	7500
CCATGCCCGC	CTTGAAGGG	GAGGGGGGGG	ACCCCGATCT	CAGCGACGGG	7550
TCTTGGTCTA	CCGTGAGTGA	GGAGGCTAGT	GAGGAATGTC	TCTGCTGCTC	7600

FIG. 4D  
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10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
AATGTCCTAT	ACCGGGACAG	GCGCCCTGAT	CACGCCATGC	GCTGGGGAGG	7650
AAAGTAAAGCT	GCCCATCAAC	CGGTGAGCA	ACTCTTTGCT	GCGTCACCAC	7700
AACATGGTCT	ACGCCACAAAC	ATCCCCCAGC	GCAAGCCTCC	GGCAGAAGAA	7750
GGTCACCTT	GACAGATTGC	AAGTCTTGGA	TGATCATTAC	GGGGAGGTAC	7800
TCAAGGAGAT	GAAGGGGAAG	GCGTCCACAG	TAAAGGCTAA	GCTTCATATCT	7850
ATAGAGGAGG	CCTGCAAGCT	GAAGGCCCCA	CATTCGGOCA	AAATCAAATT	7900
TGGCTATGGG	GCAAAGGAGG	TCCCGAACCT	ATCCAGCAGG	GGGGTTAACCC	7950
ACATCGGTC	CGTGTGGGAG	GACTTGCTGG	AAGACACTGA	AACACCAATT	8000
GACACCAACCA	TCATGGCAAA	AAGTGAGGTT	TTCTGCGTGC	AAACAGAGAA	8050
GGGAGGCCCC	AAGCCAGCTC	GCGTATCGT	ATTCAGCAGC	CTGGGAGTC	8100
GTGTATCGGA	GAAGATGGCC	CTTACGGACG	TGGTCTCCAC	CTTTCCTCAG	8150
GCGGTGATGG	GCTCCCTATA	CGGATTCAA	TACTCCCCA	AGCAGGGGT	8200
CGAGTTCTTG	GTGAATACCT	GGAAATCAA	GAAATGCGCT	ATGGGCTCT	8250
CATATGACAC	CGCGTGTGTT	GACTCAACGG	TCACTGAGAG	TGACATTCTG	8300
GTGAGGAGT	CAATTTACCA	ATGTTGTGAC	TTGGCCCCCG	AGGCGAGACA	8350
GGCCATAAGG	TCGTCACAG	AGCGGCTTIA	CATCGGGGT	CCCCCTGACTA	8400
ACTCAAAAGG	GCAGAACTGC	GGTTATCGCC	GGTGCCTCGC	AAGTGGCGTG	8450
CTGACGACTA	GCTGCGGTAA	TACCCCTACA	TGTTACTTGA	AGGCCACTGC	8500
AGCCTGTGGA	GCTGCAAAGC	TCCAGGACTG	CACGATGCTC	GTGAACGGAG	8550
ACGACCTTGT	CGTTATCTGT	GAAAGCCGGG	GAACCCAGGA	GGATGCGGGG	8600
GGCCTACGAG	CTTCACCGGA	GCGTATGACT	AGGTATTGCG	CCCCCCCGG	8650
GGATCGGCC	CAACCAGAAT	ACGAACTGGA	GCTGATAACA	TCATGTTCT	8700
CCAATGTGTC	AGTCGCGCAC	GATGCATCTG	GCAAAAGGGT	ATACTAACCTC	8750
AACCGTGACC	CCACCAACCCC	CTTGCACGG	GCTGCGTGGG	AGACAGCTAG	8800
ACACACTCCA	ATCAACTCTT	GGCTAGGCAA	TATCATCATG	TATGGGCCA	8850
CCCTATGGGC	AAGGATGATT	CTGATGACTC	ACTTTTCTC	CATCTTCTA	8900
GCTCAAGAGC	AACTTGAAAA	AGCCCTGGAT	TGTCAGATCT	ACGGGGCTTG	8950
CTACTCCATT	GAGCCACTTG	ACCTAACCTCA	GATCAATTGAA	CGACTCCATG	9000
GCTTAGGGC	ATTTACACTC	CACAGTTACT	CTCCAGGTGA	GATCAATAGG	9050
GTGGCTTCAT	GCCTCAGGAA	ACTGGGGTA	CCACCCCTGC	GAACCTGGAG	9100
ACATCGGGCC	AGAAGTGTCC	GCGCTAAGCT	ACTGTCCAG	GGGGGGAGGG	9150
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FIG. 4E

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FIG. 4F

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FIG. 4G

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FIG. 4H

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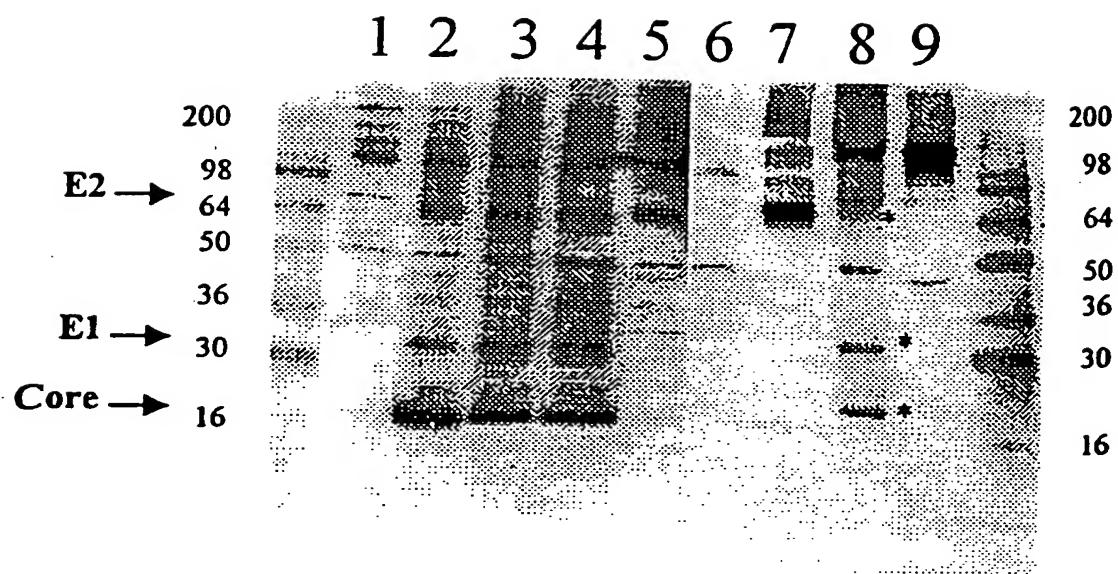


FIG. 5

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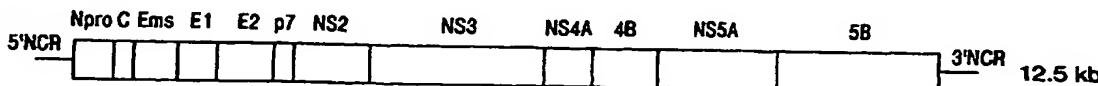
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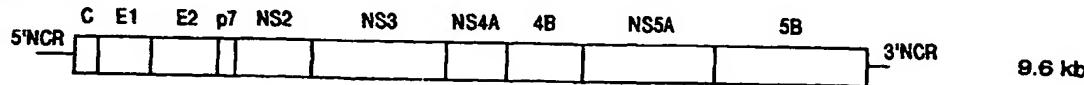
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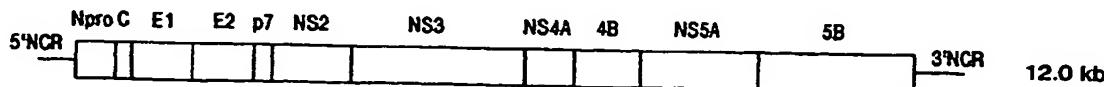
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HCV/BVDV (Chimeric RNA)



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to molecular approaches to the production of nucleic acid sequences which comprise the genomes of chimeric hepatitis C virus-bovine viral diarrhea viruses (HCV-BVDV). The invention also relates to the use of these chimeric nucleic acid sequences to produce chimeric virions in cells and the use of these chimeric virions in HCV antibody neutralization assays, and for the development of vaccines and therapeutics for HCV.

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A nucleic acid molecule comprising a chimeric virus genome, said genome being a BVDV genome in which the structural region of the BVDV genome has been replaced by the structural region of a hepatitis C virus genome; a DNA construct comprising said molecule; an RNA transcript of said DNA construct; a host cell transfected with said DNA construct or RNA transcript; a chimeric HCV-BVDV produced by said host cell; a composition comprising said virus.

2. Claims: 7, 8 and partially 9, 10, 14-21

A nucleic acid molecule comprising a chimeric virus genome, said genome being a BVDV genome in which the non-structural region of the BVDV genome has been replaced by the non-structural region of a hepatitis C virus genome; a DNA construct comprising said molecule; an RNA transcript of said DNA construct; a host cell transfected with said DNA construct or RNA transcript; a chimeric HCV-BVDV produced by said host cell; a composition comprising said virus.

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